NAPHTHA EXPLOSION MILLS A SCORE, INJURES HUNDREDS

Seventy-Five Per Cent of Those Hurt in Frightful Disaster at Pittsburg Will Die.

CROWDS ENVELOPED IN FLAMES | BODIES FRIGHTFULLY MANGLED

Specketors Attracted to Railroad Yands at Sheraden by First Acadent Become Victims of Subsequent Explosions.

One Car After Another Catches Fire and Discharges Fiery Conents Into Air-Burning Naphtha in Sewers.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.-The Sheraden Yards of the Panhandle Rauroad was the scene this evening of the most disastrous explosion and fire known in this section for many years. A score of lives were lost and about 200 persons were so badly burned that, according to the judgment of physiclans in attendance, 75 per cent of them will dle from the effects of their injuries.

The following is a corrected list of the dead so far obtained: Albert McKenn, brakeman, Shern

Inknown boy.

H. F. Smithley, Trichsville, O. Finerty, aged 40 years, Sisters ville, W. Va.

Charles Hertig, Chestnut mines. W. W. Taylor, 27 years old, of Mil-

G. E. Hunter, 28 years old, of Sher W. E. Wright, 26 years old, of Sher-

Dallas Bort, 28 years old, of Shera

Unknown white man, about 40 year

- Doud. TRAIN OF NAPTHA CARS

EXPLODED AFTER COLLISION. The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naptha cars which were being switched at the yard, and, in the switching, the rear car telescoped a car

The leaking naptna ignited from a switchlight, causing an explosion which threw the

Much of the escaping naptha ran through Corks Run to Esplenborough, a distance of one and one-half miles, and caused unother explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour Hotel and the Collins House, on River road, and badly wrecking a frame building nearby, in which were congregated 200 or more nen from Pittsburg and vicinity, betting or the races and baseball game

Few of the occupants of this building escaped injury, many being badly hurt. Mrs. Seymour and her daughter of the Seymour Hotel, were seriously, and, it is

feared, fatally injured. FIRST EXPLOSION ATTRACTS CROWD TO POINT OF DANGER

The first car of naphtha exploded about 4:40 o'clock, and the spectacle soon at-tracted a large crowd on streets lining the hills on both sides of and parallel to the railroad. The second car exploded about o'clock, but it was 6:15 o'clock when

three more cars of the deadly stuff went up that the work of destruction really began A torrent of flame belched forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terrified spectators like a charge of artillery, heads, resembling Mount Pelee on a small

The scene that followed was frightful to behold. The successive explosions had heated the air to such an extent that before the third explosion many were rendered unconscious by the extreme heat and the gaseous fumes, and were being carried away when the torrent of flame swept over

the excited crowd. COURT TRIED PRISONER HIDING IN THE WOODS.

Jesse Johnson Was Threatened With Lynching by Murdered Man's Friends-Confessed Crime.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paris. Mo., May 12.-This was the day set for the preliminary trial of Jesse Johnson in Ralls County for the murder of M. D. Mc-Rae at Renssalier on the night of April 28. A large crowd gathered at New London, thinking that Johnson would be brought there, but the officers, fearing a mob, decided it would be best not to take him to

New London.

Marshal J. W. Stephens of Mouroe City came to Paris on the noon train, and, in company with Deputy Sheriffs Clark and Masterson, went to Monroe City on the afternoon train. There they were met by Sheriff Whittemore of Ralls County and driven hurriedly across to Heretord Schoolhouse, in Rails County, where Justice Dan W. Brown was in waiting, and there in the woods Johnson was given a preliminary hearing.

hearing.
Several witnesses testified that Johnson had confessed the murder to them, then his written confession was read to him and he seknowledged that it was correct. Justice Brown then held him for the next term of Circuit Court, which will be held in October. The Sheriffs drove back to Monroe City and Johnson was again placed in jail here. The officers were gone from Paris with Johnson just three hours.

DAWES HEADS TRUST COMPANY.

Retirement of the Ex-Comptroller From Politics Is Reported.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. ex-Comptroller of the Currency, has aban-doned the political field, for the banking

coned the political field, for the banking business. He will be the president of the new trust company, rumors of the promotion of which have been in circulation for the past two weeks.

The matter of the project was broached to Mr. Dawes some weeks ago, but during his candidacy for United States Senator he was unwilling to take any decisive steps. On his return from Springfield last week he agreed to accept the leadership in the formation of a hig trust company, and the result is the announcement that the concern will be incorporated shortly, with a capital esult is the announcement that the concern will be incorporated shortly, with a capital of \$4.000,000 and a surplus of \$1.000,000.

BALLOON EXPLODED; RIVAL OF SANTOS DASHED TO DEATH.

Machinist Who Was in Airship With Brazilian Aeronaut Was Burned to Death in Car.

First Free Trial of the "Pax," With Which the Inventor Hoped to Achieve Great Fame, Was Made Near Paris.

NAPHTHA TRAIN IS WRECKED, HITCH OCCURRED IN START.

Steering Apparatus Appeared to Be Out of Order-Vessel Started Away, but Careened and Caught Fire.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, May 12.—(Copyright, 1902.)—M. Secret, the Brazilian Deputy who as an aeronaut aspired to become a serious rival of M. Santos-Dumont, to-day lost his life in making the first free ascent with his new airship, Pax The machinist who acompanuted him was also killed.

The impression among local aeronauts is that M. Savero was not sufficiently adept in maneuvering the airship and that the



SENOR AUGUSTO SEVERO Brazilian aeronaut, who was killed in mak-ing an ascension near Paris yesterday, as-pired to rivel Santos-Dumont in the field of arcostutics

construction of the Pax was faulty a It is also thought that M. Severo's ma-

fused at the critical moment and was partly responsible for the accident. It was about half past 5 o'clock this morn-

ing when the Pax-in which M. Severo and his machinist, M. Sachet, had taken thele places-rose from the accordome at Vaugirard and sailed away in the direction of issy-les-Moulineaux.

Only fifteen minutes later the wreck of the airship lay in the Avenue du Maine and the corpses of the two men were extricated from the wreckage of the balloon. The primary cause of the catastrophe was

the ignition of the hydrogen with which the

balloon was inflated.
TWO EXPLANATIONS OF HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

One hypothesis is that the motor comnunicated the flame to the framework, and that the silk canvas then caught fire, but the more probable explanation is that escaping hydrogen was inflamed by the motor and caused the explosion which ruptured the balloon and set the framework

It is said that the machinist, becoming scared, threw out a large quantity of ballast, which caused the end of the balloon to rise suddenly. This made the gas accumulate with extra pressure in the end of the balloon, and necessitated a considerable release of the highly inflammable gas.

To begin with, the balloon had been fully inflated in the shed, where the temperature was rather low. During the ascent the hy drogen, under the influence of the sun's rays, expanded, and the expansion was intensified when the airship shot up.

M. Severo then opened the sufety valve. on account of the faulty construction of the airship-was of cloth, to escape ing in contact with the heated parts of the motor, was ignited, causing the balloon to explode.

found on the machinist's face, while M. Severo, who was in the forward part of the car, was not burned at all. Pieces of the charred envelope are now being duributed and sold all over Paris as mouraful scuve-

EXPECTED TO WIN FAME. The weather this morning was fine, and M. Severo and his friends who had gathered at the aerodrome root afte: 4 o'clock, were in high spirits over the prospects of a successful trial with the Pax. M. Severo was very confident. He remarked to one of his

"Saint Benoit has at last answered my prayers, and in a few minutes I shall be permitted to scar through the air and realize the dream which I have cherished for twenty years. If the trial is successful from the start, I will undertake to make a circuit of Paris, and with due weather prevalling I am almost assured of success Meet me at the balloon shed, where you will take breakfast and champague with me, my friends; and to-morrow, the anniversary of its liberation, Brazil will know that one of her sons has carried her flag to victory in the air."

ARTIST PERISHED IN HILLS. Body Is Found Near Where He

Had Been Sketching. Wichita, Kas., May 12.-The body of an artist has been found covered with rocks and debris near Mountain View, Ok. He was probably murdered. It is thought that he was out for some paper or magazine last fall before the Comanche country was opened for settlement. Nothing but sketch-ing tools were found with the body.

TO SOUND MEXICO ON A NEW TREATY.

Mr. Clayton Said to Have Instruc tions to Renew Negotiations for Kratz's Extradition.

FOLK BACK FROM WASHINGTON.

Circuit Attorney Says the State Department Is Favorable to Supplemental Agreement With Mexico.

Circuit Attorney Folk returned yesterday morning from Washington, where he had been to consult Secretary Hay of the State a further treaty with Mexico for the extralition of Charles Kratz, who is at Guadalatara, a fugitive from justice from St. Louis. While Mr. Folk would not admit it, it is stated that Secretary Hay has instructed Minister Clayton, the United States Am bassador at Mexico, to sound the Mexican authorities upon the subject of a supple mental treaty. In diplomatic intercourse this is equal to a treaty proposition.

The authorities are slow to give out th nformation because they do not wish news of the treaty proposal to reach the Mexican to them in official channels. On the proba bility of the success of the treaty Mr. Folk had little to say, except that the prospects for getting Kratz back for trial are brighter than at any time before.

When Mr. Folk left for Washington pres ment held to the opinion that a treaty could not operate to extradite a man who was a fugitive at the time the treaty went into effect. Mr. Folk expected some trouble in ersuading the Secretary to a different view but when he arrived he found matters dif-

Thinks Kratz Will Be Brought Back "I do not desire to prophesy," said M: Folk. "but I believe the chances for Kratz's return to Missouri are better than they have been since the negotiations began From what I learned at Washington in my conferences with the State Department of ficials I am confident the United States will do all in its power to bring Krats within he jurisdiction of the Criminal Court of St Louis. If we get him back we shall do the rest. Just what action will be taken by the Sovernment as the result of my visit to Washington I am not at liberty to state What may be done will, of course, be donthrough diplomatic channels. There will be no kidnaping attempted, so the people of mond's safety."

Chief Desmond will remain at Guadala jara for several weeks yet, Nicolaus Case Postponed.

The case of Henry Nicolaus, a director of the Suburban Railroad, who is charged with bribery: was called in Judge Ryan's court vesterday, but as the defense was not read; it was passed until June 2. Charles Nagel and Jesse McDonald are now Mr. Nicolaus' there was some delay inasmuch as they had

not familiarized themselves with the case. Thomas Rowe, attorney for Edward Butler, who is charged in two indictments with terday to disqualify Judge Ryan from sitting in the cases. Rowe filed affidavits last week before Judge Douglas to disqualify both Judge Douglas and Judge Ryan. Judge Douglas considered it only as it applied to himself and forwarded the case to Judge Ryan's division of the court. It is considered nearly certain that Judge Ryan will overrule the motion under a ruling from the Supreme Court that only one of the Circult Judges could be disqualified in a case.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT : 19 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7-08. RIBES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 12:24.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. For St. Louis and Vicinity-Partly loudy and threatening.

For Missouri-Partly cloudy Tuesday; showers and cooler in north. Wednesday, fair. For Illinois-Showers Tuesday, ex-

cept fair in extreme south. Wednesday, fair. For Arkanans-Fair Tuesday and

For Eastern Texas-Partly cloudy Puesday; showers in cast and south. Wednesday, fair, except showers near const.

For Western Texas-Fair Tuesday, except showers and cooler in Panhandle. Wednesday, fair.

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2. Nebraska's Smoking Hill Active Again. 4. Race Results and Entries.

5. Both St. Louis Clubs Wins.

6. Railway News. Weather Bulletin. Conference Labors Postpone Prayer.

7. East Side News River News and Personals.

Social Happenings. 9. Richard Bartholdt Unanimously Chosen

Position. Dedicated a New Church. . Republic "Want" Advertisements. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.

Congressman Shackelford Explains His

I. Rooms for Rent and Real Estate Adver-12. Puzzling Wall Street Depresses Wall Street.

Trading. 13. Summary of St. Louis Markets. Visible Supply Increase Causes Advance

Securities Close Steady, Despite Light

14. Average Condition of Wheat Only 76.4. Tobacco Workers' Wages Increased. Missouri Fruit Won First Prize. Steel Trust Magnates Back Casting

Burglars Were Busy Sunday.

THIRTY THOUSAND BODIES LIE STREWN ABOUT THROUGH STREETS OF LAVA-COATED ST. PIERRE.

Sharks Gnaw at Bodies Floating Amid Wreckage in the Harbor---Survivors From British Ship Roraima Tell of Horrors That They Witnessed.

ERUPTION IN ST. VINCENT GROWS WORSE.

Fort de France, Martinique, May 12.-Thirty thousand corpses are strewn about, buried in the ruins of St. Pierre, or else floating, gnawed by sharks, in the surrounding seas. Twenty-eight charred, half-dead human beings have been brought here. Sixteen of hem are already dead and only four of the whole number are expected to recover.

The Associated Press steamer, chartered in Guadeloupe, neared Martinique at 6:30 Sunday morning. The island, with its lofty hills, was hidden behind a huge vein of violet or leaden-colored haze. Enormous quantities of the wreckage of large and small ships and houses strewed the surface of the sea.

SHARKS FOUGHT ABOUT THE FLOATING BODIES.

Huge trees, bodies, with flocks of sea gulls soaring about and hideous sharks fighting bout them, were floating here and there.

From behind the volcanic veil came blasts of hot wind, mingled with others ice cold. AT LE PRECHEUR, FIVE MILES NORTH OF ST. PIERRE, MEN AND WOMEN IN CANOES, FRANTIC TO GET AWAY, BEGGED FOR A PASSAGE ON THE

esembling dirty snow. Furious blasts of fire, ashes and mud swept over the steamer,

The city of St. Pierre stretched nearly two miles along the water front and half a mile back to a cliff at the base of the volcano. The houses of the richer families were

RUINS STILL ABLAZE, HEAPS OF DEAD LYING EVERYWHERE. The still-smoking volcano towered above the ash-covered hills. The ruins were burn

ing in many places and frightful odors of burned flesh filled the air. With great difficulty a landing was effected. Not one house was left intact. Viscid heaps of mud, of brighter ashes, or piles of volcanic stones were seen on every side. The streets could hardly be traced.

HERE AND THERE AMID THE RUINS WERE HEAPS OF CORPSES. IN ONE CORNER TWENTY-TWO BODIES OF MEN. WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE MINGLED IN ONE AWFUL MASS, ARMS AND LEGS PROTRUDING AS THE HAP-LESS BEING PELL IN THE LAST STRUGGLES OF DEATH'S AGONY.

Tarough the middle of the old Place Bertin ran a tiny stream, the remains of the River Gavaye. Great trees, with roots upward and scorched by fire, were strewn in every direction. Huge blocks and still hot stones were scattered about. From under one large tone the arm of a white woman protruded.

MOST NOTICEABLE WERE THE UTTER SILENCE AND THE AWFUL OVER-POWERING QUOR FROM THE THOUSANDS OF DEAD.

POISONOUS GASES CAUSED INSTANT SUFFOCATION.

Careful inspection showed that the flery stream which so completely destroyed St. Pierre must have been composed of poisonous gases, which instantly suffocated every one who inhaled them, and of other gases burning furiously, for nearly all the victims had their hands covering their mouths or were in some other attitude showing that they had sought relief from suffocation. All the bodies were carbonized or roasted. A. G. Austen, the manager of the Colonial Bank of Barbados, landed at St. Pierro

with a party from the British Royal Mail steamer Solent. He found the bank clock stopped at some minutes before 8 o'clock. A HORSE AND BUGGY AND A POLICEMAN WERE IN A DEAD GROUP AT THE

BARBADOS GOVERNMENT SENDS FIRST RELIEF EXPEDITION.

At the request of S. A. MacAllister, the United States Consul at Barbados, Captain Davis and the Solent were placed at his disposal by the Barbados Government. The Solent arrived at about the same time as the Associated Press steamer, and brought to St. Pierre the Colonial Secretary, two civil doctors, two military officers and Doctor W. E. Aughinbaugh of Washington, as well as a Corporal and four hospital orderiles, three trained nurses and a full field hospital outfit.

The Barbados Government also sent 700 barrels of provisions, one ton of ice and a full upply of medicine. These were useful, but the dead only needed quick burial,

The stories of the survivors added to the awful details of the particularly harrowing

CLOUD OF FIRE SWEPT DOWN O VER CITY AND SHIPPING IN BAY.

C. C. Evans of Montreal and Jehn G. Morris of New York, who are now at the millary hospital of Fort de France, say the vessel arrived at 6 o'clock. As eight bells was struck a frightful explosion was heard up the mountain. A cloud of fire, toppling and | tive discretion, and I earnestly commend this case of unexampled disaster to the roaring, swept with lightning speed down the mountain side and over the town and bay. • generous consideration of Congress. For this purpose I recommend that an appro-The Roraima was nearly sunk, and caught fire at once.

"I NEVER CAN FORGET THE HORRID, FIERY, CHOKING WHIRLWIND WHICH ENVELOPED ME." said Mr. Evans.

"Mr. Morris and I rushed below. We are not very badly burned, not so bad as most of them. When the fire came we were going to our posts (we are engineers) to weigh anchor and get out. When we came up we found the ship after aft, and fought it forward until 3 o'clock, when the Suchet came to our rescue. We were then building a raft." Ben" Benson, the carpenter of the Roraima, said:

ANCHOR RAISED IMMEDIATELY AFTER EXPLOSION.

"I was on deck, amidships, when I heard an explosion. The captain ordered me to ake up anchor. I got the windlass, but when the fire came I went into the forecastle and got my 'duds.' When I came out I talked with Captain Muggahy, Mr. Scott, the first officer, and others. They had been on the bridge. The captain was horribly burned. "HE HAD INHALED FLAMES AND WANTED TO JUMP INTO THE SEA.

TRIED TO MAKE HIM TAKE A LIFE PRESERVER. "The captain, who was undressed, jumped overboard and hung on to a line for a

while. Then he disappeared." "Gus" Linder, the quartermaster of the steamer, who is horribly burned and can carcely talk, confirmed this. Francisco Angelo, who speaks poor English, vividly described the onrush of the fire.

He says the captain was a very brave man, too brave to be burned to death. Angelo further asserted that the storm of fire lasted not more than five minutes. he cannot live, having inhaled flames, said in weak tones that he was the last man to see the captain. The captain was then trying to reach a floating mattress. Other men of the Roraima who were rescued are Salvador Aiello and Jose Susing

HEART RENDING SCENES OF SUFFERING ON BOARD THE RORAIMA

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. St. Kitts, British West Indies, May 12.-(Copyright, 1902.)-James Taylor of St. Kitts, a cooper employed on the Roraima, says: inicia for St. Pierre at midnight on Wednesday, arriving at the latter place about 7 o'clock Thursday morning. The greatest difficulty was experienced

The ship had to grope its way to the anchorage.

"Appalling sounds were issuing from the mountains behind the town, which was shrouded in darkness. The ashes were falling thickly on the steamer's deck, where the passengers and others were gathered, gazing at the town, some being engaged in graphing the scene.

"Hearing a tremendous report and seeing the ashes falling thicker. I dived into a room, dragging with me Samuel Thomas, a gangwayman and a fellow-countryman, shutting the door tightly. Shortly after I heard a voice which I recognised as that of the chief mate, Mr. Scott. Opening the door with great caution, I drew him in. The nose of Thomas was burned by the intense heat. CHILDREN BEGGED FOR WATER THEY WERE UNABLE TO DRINK.

"We three and Thompson, the assistant purser, out of sixty-eight souls on board, were the only persons who escaped practically uninjured. The heat being unbearable, I emerged in a few moments. All around on the decks were the dead and dying covered with boiling mud. They lay there, men, women and little children, and the appeals of the latter for water were heartrending.
"WHEN WATER WAS GIVEN THEM THEY COULD NOT SWALLOW IT, OW-

ING TO THEIR THROATS BEING FILLED WITH ASHES OR BURNT WITH

"The ship was burning att and I jumped overboard, the sea being intensely hot. I was at once swept seaward by a tidal wave, but the sea receding a considerable distance, thme return wave washed me against an upturned sloop, to which I clung.
"I WAS SOON JOINED BY A MAN SO DREADFULLY BURNED AND DISFIG-URED AS TO BE UNRECOGNIZABLE. AFTERWARDS I FOUND HE WAS THE CAPTAIN OF THE ROMAIMA, CAPTAIN MUGGAS. HE WAS IN DREADFUL

"Picking up some wreckage which contained bedding and a tool chest, I, with the help of five others who had joined me on the wreck, constructed a rude craft, on which we placed the Captain. Then, seeing an upturned boat, I asked one of



THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT ST. PIERRE. The building was destroyed in the rain of fire which visited the city last Thursday. The

........ CONGRESS APPROPRIATES \$200,000 FOR RELIEF OF THE WEST INDIES.

Washington, May 12.-Congress to-day appropriated \$200,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the recent disaster in the West Indies. The President is authorized to spend the amount as he sees best and to use any vessels of the United States Navy or lease any other vessels that may be needed for the work. The President is requested to obtain the approval of the French Government in the undertaking.

The vote in the House was 196 to 9. In the Senate there was not one dissent This action by Congress immediately followed the receipt of a message from

President Roosevelt, as follows: "To the Senate and House of Representatives; One of the greatest calamities in story has fallen upon our neighboring island of Martinique. The Consul of th United States at Gaudeloupe has telegraphed from Fort de France, under date of yesterday, that the disaster is complete; that the city of St. Pierre has ceased to exist, and that the American Consul and his family have perished. He is informed that 30,000 persons have lost their lives and that 50,000 are homeless and hungry; that there is urgent need of all kinds of provisions, and that the visit of

vessels for the work of supply and rescue is imperatively required.

"The Government of France, while expressing their thanks for the marks of sympathy which have reached them from America, inform us that Fort de France and the entire Island of Martinique are still threatened. They therefore request that for the purpose of rescuing the people who are in such deadly peril and threatened with starvation, the Government of the United States may send as soon as possible the means of transporting them from the stricken island. The Island of St. Vincent, and perhaps others in that region, are also seriously menaced by the

calamity which has taken so appalling a form in Martinique. "I have directed the departments of the Treasury, of War and of the Navy to priation of \$500,000 may be made, to be immediately available.

White House, Washington, May 12, 1902."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

five, a native of Martinique, to swim and fetch it. Instead of returning to us, he

picked up two of his countrymen and went away in the direction of Fort de France. SURVIVORS CARRIED AWAY BY FRENCH WARSHIP SUCHET.

"Seeing the Roddam, which arrived in port shortly after we anchored, making for the Roraima, I said good-bye to the Captain and swam back to the Roraima She, however, burst into finmes and put to sea. I reached the Roraima at about 2:30 o'clock and was afterwards taken off by a boat from the French warship, Suchet. Twenty-four others, with myself, were taken on to Fort de France. Three of these died before reaching port. Several others have since died.

"The following were thought likely to recover: Miss Stokes and nurse, who were passengers; the purser, Thompson; Third Mate Evans, Second Engineer Morris, Fourth Engineer Venson, Carpenter Eddie Messman, and Guiseppe, a sailor. After spending the night in Fort de France I was picked up by the Korona and brought

MOTHER BURNED TO DEATH WITH LIVING BABE IN HER ARMS.

Samuel Thomas, the gaskway man whose life was saved by the forethought of Taylor, says that the scene on the burning ship was awful. The groans and cries of the dying for whom nothing could be done were horrible. HE DESCRIBES A WOMAN AS BEING BURNED TO DEATH-WITH A LIV-

ING BABE IN HER ARMS. HE SAYS THAT IT SEEMED AS IF THE WHOLE WORLD WAS AFIRE The inflammable material in the fore part of the ship that would have ignited that part of the vessel was thrown overboard by him and the other two men. The Grapple, the telegraph company's ship, was seen opposite the Usine Guer-

inn, and disappeared as if blown up by a submarine explosion. The captain's body was subsequently found by a boat from the Suchet.

SEVERAL MEN SAVED FROM ITALIAN SHIP TERESA LOVICO. From the Italian ship Teresa Lovico several men were saved, but they are in a rightful state, except Jean Louis Prudent of St. Pierre. Although on deck and unproected, he was little burned. Prudent says there was first an awful noise of explosion and hen, right away, a cyclone of smoke and fire.

SUCH WAS THE POISONOUS, CHOKING NATURE OF THE SMOKE THAT IT BURNED WORSE THAN THE FIRE. WHEN IT STRUCK PROPLE THEY PELL. The cyclone of gas tore the masts out of ships, blew other up and sank some of them

on afterwards came a wave of fire bigger than the smoke cloud. HUNDREDS PERISH AS RESULT OF ERUPTION IN ST. VINCENT.

Roseau, Island of Dominica, British West Indies, Sunday, May 11.-The Soufriers olcano on the Island of St. Vincent has been in full eruption since last Wednesday. eral plantations have been destroyed.

Earthquakes and loud reports accompanied the eruption and stones and ashes fell at Many persons were wounded and the bodies of 500 dead are unburied

Barbados, ninety-six miles off, was in total darkness for a time. Pebbles and gritty bstances have fallen there. Canoes crowded with refugees are arriving at Dominica and their occupants are m ospitably received. The United States steamer Potomac passed Dominica to-day.

Many empty cances are in the channel, being driven by wind and current toward cointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe. A few refugees from Martinique have arrived at Dominica The French cable ship Pouver Quertier is trying to repair the cable. It is repthat she finds it sunk in 1,200 meters of water, where formerly it was only 300 meter